

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs



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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES
8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
Masses at 8 a.m. and 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.; Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

ROSARY and CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
Monday through Saturday after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
Mondays after the 8:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursdays from 12:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA
First Saturdays after the 12:05 p.m. Mass

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM First Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE
Arrangements should be made at least **six months** in advance,
prior to the proposed wedding date.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish is a vibrant Catholic Faith Community in Forest Hills, New York. We are one parish family seeking to be the welcoming and warm presence of Jesus Christ to the diverse peoples of the area. Our parish life is centered on celebrating the Holy Eucharist, proclaiming and teaching God's Word, faith formation through our school and religious education programs, and ministering to and serving the pastoral needs of the faithful. In thanksgiving to God for all that has been, for all that we are, and for all that we will be, we support vocations and lay leadership development, strengthening stewardship, and fulfilling the mission of the New Evangelization to bring Christ into the world.



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.)

Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No office hours Sundays

Masses for the Week

Saturday, November 30

Saint Andrew

8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca
5 p.m. Rev. Daniel Weiscopf

Sunday, December 1

9 a.m. Family Mass celebrated for the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 2

8 a.m. Lola Hecht
12:05 p.m. John Keck

Tuesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier
8 a.m. Richard Allan Kierman
12:05 p.m. Luis Godoy

Wednesday, December 4

Saint John Damascene
8 a.m. James J. Ward
12:05 p.m. Helmy Giacoman

Thursday, December 5

8 a.m. Lian Hegarty
12:05 p.m. Susan Villani

Friday, December 6

Saint Nicholas
8 a.m. Souls in Purgatory
12:05 p.m. Eugene J. Kelly Jr., Thomas Mulderrig,
Charles Walsh, and Gerard Shevlin

Saturday, December 7

Saint Ambrose
8 a.m. Sister Lucia Paredes
12:05 p.m. Giuseppina and Antonino Sciacca
5 p.m. Deceased members of the
Linares and Griffin families

Main Events of the Week

Sunday, December 1

Giving Tree Gift Drop-Off Weekend

Leave your unwrapped Christmas gifts
with tags attached under the tree
today or next Sunday!



10 a.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd):

Bible Study Group

2:30 p.m., church: **Baptisms**

Monday, December 2

7 p.m., rectory: **Bereavement Support Group meeting**

Tuesday, December 3

7:30 p.m., choir loft: **Choir Rehearsal**

Wednesday, December 4

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

3:45–5 p.m., levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 class
7–8:15 p.m., levels 5, 6, Confirmation, FFOI

Thursday, December 5

After 12:05 p.m. Mass, church:

Benediction and Adoration

(Evening devotions resume February 27, 2020)

1 p.m., Church closes for cleaning

2:30 p.m., nursing home:

Forest Hills Nursing Home Mass

Friday, December 6

St. Nicholas Day

6:30–9 p.m., McLaughlin Hall:

Martyrs Active Youth Organization

7:30 p.m., rectory (enter through glass door off 72nd Rd):

Charismatic Prayer Group meeting

Rectory = main meeting room (lower level)

Today's bulletin insert is a special
Advent Wreath Prayer and Reflection.

Remember Our Sick

Blanche Aepli, Svetlana Abramova, Augusto F. Alvarez, Daniel Alvarez, Aldo Arcomano, Joseph and Mary Augustine, Michael Bekman, Alexander Berardino, Peter Berardino, Mark Bradley, Elba Camacho, Shana Clemente, Maria Comacho, Mary Ann Cornell, Irene Cucurella, Tracy Cuva, Joan Donnelly, Norman Doucette, Mary Evanisko, Baby Luka Dudashvili, Stephanie Feldman, Michael Flannery, Alice Fromer, Pat Gmerek, Cathie Greulich, Ann Harding, Sean Harrison, Robert Heyer, René Hojilla, Giles Houghton, Michael H. Jordan, Ann Carol Macho, Carmen Leon Marin, Liz Maryon, Artur Mavashev, Louie Mavashev, Marina Mavashev, Anthony Mendola, Mariana Menoscal, Mark Myers, Veronica Nissan, Maria Ojeda, Richard O'Keefe, Barbara Pacheco, Connie Panaralla, Clara Patoff, Grace Plank, Maureen Piatt, Nancy Piotrowski, Bonnie Post, Veronica Pulanski, Nicole Rappa, Scott Salbo, Dr. Anthony Sarro, Scaturro family, Frank Oriente, Steven Strumpf, Wong Wai Suet, John Taddeo, Chris Townley, Maria Viesta, Brittany Zaita—and all parishioners currently in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes

Remember Our Deceased

Andres Acevedo
Lucilia Melendez
Mildred Ann Tighe

We pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad

Eric Böhm, Sergio Borrero, Thaddeus Buenaventura, Ricardo Cantillo, Bobby DiTroia, Armando Fellin, Andrew Gonzalez, A. Jay James, William (Will) Klos, Michael Le Floch, Louis Mannino, Jean-Marc Moïse, Brian Quinn, Justin Pabse, Adam Rearick, Rodney Ross, McNeely Royal, Victoria Tisser-Bacca, Charles Torres, Jose J. Vaz, Mollie Rae Whitley, William Youssef, Phillip Whitley, Jeff Zabala. **Please pray for all who risk their lives for our safety, including police, fire, corrections and military personnel.**

WELCOME! Sound-enhancing assistive listening device is available if you have trouble hearing during Mass. Please visit the sacristy for information. If a disability makes it difficult for you to fully participate at Mass or other activities of our parish, email our **Parish Advocate for Persons with Disabilities**, Karen Mongiello, at disabilities.olqm@gmail.com, to make your special needs known.

Sunday Mass Assignments

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Helen Errera, Belinda Kotin

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

EMHCs: Kathy Scapp, Mark Scapp, Yorke Mizelle

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

9 a.m.

Celebrant: Father Antonin

Lectors: Alejandra Caycedo, Gina Warshaw

Leader of Song: Warren Harding

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Carla Christian

EMHCs: Theresa Bryant, Richie Perl, Jack Butera,
Margarita Forero

11:15 a.m.

Celebrant: Bishop Sanchez

Lectors: Irma Cruso, Johanna Fausto-DiDio

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Aracelly Torres, Jonathan Rodriguez, Angela Damone

1 p.m.

Celebrant: Father Passenant

Lectors: Joanie Molina, Siobhain Kandra

Leader of Song: Paula Rocheleau Hernández

EMHCs: Bettyanne McDonough, Beth Barretto, Al Smith

Members of the Altar Server Society at all Sunday Masses

Thank you to all those who serve as ushers



Order of Mass

First Sunday of Advent

Cycle A—Choir Mass 11:15 a.m.

ENTRANCE

*Missal #50—“O Come, Divine Messiah”
“Enter His Sanctuary Singing”—Choir*

MASS PARTS: A Community Mass (*Proulx*)

FIRST READING: *Missal pg. 31—Isaiah 2:1-5*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM—*Missal pgs. 31-32*

SECOND READING

Missal pg. 32—Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL: *Missal pgs. 32-33—Matthew 24:37-44*

HOMILY

OFFERTORY

*“Let All Mortal Flesh” (G. Holst)—Choir
Missal #60—“Come, Lord Jesus”*

COMMUNION

*“Zion Hears the Watchmen’s Voices” (J. S. Bach)—Choir
Organ Meditation
Missal #587—“Christ, Be Our Light”*

CLOSING HYMN

*Missal #69—“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
Missal #50—“O Come, Divine Messiah”—Choir*

Second Collections

- » Today’s second collection is for the Christmas Flowers. There is also an envelope for winter fuel.
- » Sunday, December 8, second collection will be for the Religious Retirement Fund. There is also an envelope for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- » Please use the blue envelope at any time to contribute to the Parish Endowment Fund. At our Parish Giving portal, select Blue Envelope from the pull-down menu. ourladyqueenofmartyrs.org/blue-envelope.

Thursday Devotions

Starting December 5th, Benediction and Adoration will be held immediately after the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Evening Benediction resumes on February 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Church Cleaning

The church will close at 1 p.m. on December 5th for cleaning to prepare for Christmas. Thank you for understanding.

Christmas Giving Tree Deadline: December 7/8

Thank you for putting the Giving Tree on your list of small acts of kindness this Advent and Christmas season. Leave your UNWRAPPED gifts—with the original tag attached—under the tree in church by the 1 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 8th. If you didn't find a tag on the tree, that's OK. Extra gifts are welcome and you can still bring gifts for school-age children, preteens, or teens.

If needed, you may drop them off at the rectory no later than Monday, December 9th so that Catholic Charities of Brooklyn/Queens can collect them, wrap them, and distribute them in time for Christmas.

Tip: Teenagers 13-18 may like a gift card that allows them to purchase what they need. (Please do not give any partially used gift cards.)

Thank you to the Single Adults Group for organizing this year's appeal!



Bereavement Support During the Holidays

For many, the holidays are a season of fun and good cheer, but it can be a difficult time full of sadness for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Our bereavement support group is here to HELP, CARE and LISTEN. We will meet Mondays **December 2 & December 16** from 7–9 p.m. in the rectory basement meeting room. (Previously announced December 9 meeting is canceled.) If joining for the first time, an RSVP is required. Call the rectory (718-268-6251) or email group facilitator and Commissioned Lay Pastoral Leader Yorke Mizelle at ymizelle@gmail.com.

Red Ribbon Sunday

Our "Diocese of Immigrants" has a strong connection to countries where Christians continue to be persecuted. We have an obligation to them. Today is offered as a day of prayer in solidarity with persecuted Christians worldwide. By hanging red ribbons on the trees, fences, and light poles near your homes this Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, you will also be helping to extend the awareness of their plight beyond the walls of our church to the wider community.

NOTE: Sometimes late changes to schedules happen after our bulletin is printed on Tuesday. Thank you for understanding.

Christmas Memorial Wreaths/Trees

We are accepting memorial donations that will go toward decorating the Church during this Advent and Christmas season. To request a wreath, tree, or poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one or family member, please contact the rectory and return this form by December 9. Memorial listings will appear in the Sunday bulletin of December 22, 2019. The 10 a.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be for the intention of those being memorialized and the donors to the Christmas flower fund.



Quantity	Description of Memorials	Offering
2 Taken	Large Christmas Wreaths in Sanctuary of Church (Right side OR Left side)	\$600.00/each
1	Large Christmas Wreath Indoors (over balcony)	\$400.00
1	60-inch Christmas Wreath (outdoors, over center doors)	\$400.00
4 3 left	48-inch Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around Church)	\$250.00/each
6 2 left	Christmas Trees (around the outdoor manger)	\$150.00/each
10	Christmas Wreaths (outdoors, around the rectory)	\$100.00/each
	Poinsettia Plants Large (in front of the altar rail)	\$75.00/each

Gift in Memory of: *please print name(s)*

Requested by: _____

Requester's Phone: _____ Email: _____

Offering (select from remaining items listed above): _____

Reflections for December on the Dignity of the Human Person

From the OLQM Social Action Committee

God, Who has fatherly concern for everyone, has willed that all men should constitute one family and treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood... For this reason, love for God and neighbor is the first and greatest commandment... Indeed, the Lord Jesus, when He prayed to the Father "that all may be one as we are one" (John 17:21-22) opened up vistas closed to human reason, for He implied a certain likeness between the union of the divine Persons, and the unity of God's sons in truth and charity. This likeness reveals that man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (Gaudium et Spes).

How wonderful is the certainty that each human life is not adrift in the midst of hopeless chaos, in a world ruled by pure chance or endlessly recurring cycles! The Creator can say to each one of us: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jer 1:5). We were conceived in the heart of God, and for this reason each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary" (Laudato Si).

If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please join us. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Father Passenant in person, by phone, or email them at the rectory (rectoryolqm@aol.com). Also join us in the rectory at our next meeting. Dates and times will be announced in the bulletin and from the pulpit.

To learn more about the legislative issues that impact us as Catholics and how you can express your opinions to our elected officials, sign up for "action alerts" from the New York State Catholic Conference.

www.nyscatholic.org/nys-catholic-conference-action-center

Advent Activities at OLQM

December 1/2 & 7/8, Giving Tree: *Bring unwrapped gifts for children to the tree in church*

December 9, Immaculate Conception: *No obligation*

December 11, OLQM Academy Christmas Tree blessing & lighting: *6:30 p.m., adjacent to Ascan Avenue church entrance*

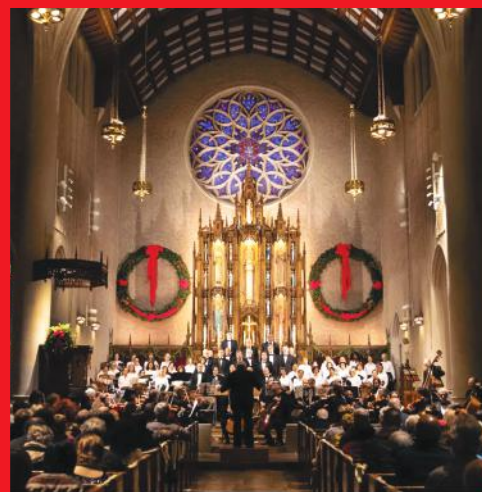
December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe: *8 a.m. Mass; 12:05 p.m. Mass with procession of roses*

December 14/15, Bambinelli Sunday: *Blessing of baby Jesus statues at all Sunday Masses*

December 15, Christmas Concert: *4 p.m. in church*

December 16, Reconciliation Monday, Confessions *at 11:30 a.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m., and 7-8:30 p.m.*

December 17-23, O Antiphons: *Time of active waiting and anticipation for Christ's birth*



Sunday
December 15
2019
4 pm

Sacred Music Society of
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Annual Christmas Concert

Jennifer Gliere, soprano
John Easterlin, tenor
Nathan Bahny, bass-baritone

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Choir
Oratorio Society of Queens
The Orchestral Arts Ensemble
of Queens

David Close, conductor

Tickets: \$35; \$10 children 12 and under.
Tickets will be available at the Rectory during office hours.
For more information, call 718.268.6251

Note of Gratitude

"Thank you for making our mission, your mission."

Rev. Charles P. Keeney, Diocesan Director of the Missions Office, sent a letter of thanks to the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs for their generosity and the parish contribution of \$3,173 for 2019 World Mission Sunday.

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Weekly Collections Because of an early closing for the Thanksgiving holiday, the collection figures for Sunday, November 17 were not available for this week's bulletin. They will be published in a future bulletin.

Recently at OLQM

Reflection and Action on Poverty Discussed

photos by Andy Nguyen

On November 17th, World Day of the Poor, about 30 parishioners and clergy gathered to hear a presentation by Msgr. Alfred LoPinto, President and CEO of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens (CCBQ). He shared some sobering statistics: The 2017 poverty threshold for a family of four is \$25,000. An estimated 880,000 people in our boroughs were living below the poverty threshold, of which 30% are children and 13% are seniors.

He also shared information on the many ways CCBQ addresses the needs of the very young to the very old. CCBQ engages the totality of the person with 160 programs and services. They provide early childhood and childcare programs. They address hunger, homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse issues. CCBQ's education programs include Head Start, summer youth employment and literacy, and language and job training for adults. Msgr. LoPinto said many problems are connected to the lack of affordable housing, especially for seniors and families.

When asked "What can we do," he suggested we follow Pope Francis's example and get engaged. We can contact our elected officials. We can volunteer with one or more of CCBQ's programs. We can donate to CCBQ and other causes to help their efforts, especially in the face of Medicaid cuts and government reductions.

The second collection on Christmas Day is for Catholic Charities. If you or someone you know is in need of their services or wants to volunteer or donate, call them at 718-722-6001 or go to their website, www.ccbq.org.



Pictured—(1) Msgr. LoPinto with our parish clergy and (2) addressing attendees; (3) members of the parish Bible study group and Social Action Committee who hosted the event and provided refreshments; (4) some attendees at the Sunday morning session.

A Message from Deacon Greg about "A View from the Pew"

All good things must come to an end. After more than 15 years, I've decided to retire "A View from the Pew." I haven't had time to write fresh columns for a while, and between job commitments, travels for work, plus preaching missions and retreats—along with the rest of my parish ministry—it's become impossible to keep up. It has been a joy to share some of my random thoughts, and I have to say, the warm reception from readers to my reflections has been heartening and humbling. Thank you!

Retiring the column doesn't mean I'll be idle. I'll be writing more books in the months to come, and there are two in print right now: *The Busy Person's Guide to Prayer* (Word Among Us Press) and *The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Lent 2020* (Ave Maria Press). Both are available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle.

Every ending signals a beginning. As we turn our gaze to the empty manger in Bethlehem and await the bright promise of Christmas, let us hold one another in prayer and look forward to a new season and a new year, with more stories to tell, prayers to offer, and hopes to share. God bless you!

ED. NOTE: "The Deacon's Bench" blog by Deacon Greg Kandra is also recommended online at Patheos.com.